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Classified By: Charge d' Affaires, a.i., Jeffrey A. Moon. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

[1](#)1. (C) During a September 15 meeting with Foreign Minister Sujata Koirala (ref A), Charge encouraged the Government of Nepal to respond favorably to meeting requests from the Government of Kosovo during the upcoming UNGA session (ref B). Koirala was unaware of any request for a meeting, but appeared open to the idea.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: As Post has reported (ref C), the Government of Nepal is unlikely to recognize Kosovo ahead of its much larger neighbors India and China. Nepal has its own separatist movement in its southern Terai region, which might also give it pause. Nevertheless, the Foreign Minister does not appear to have strong personal views on the issue and would likely be receptive to meeting with her Kovosar counterpart on the margins of UNGA. End Comment.
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